

RESOLUTION NO. 90/31

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH ESTABLISHING
A RECYCLED PRODUCT PROCUREMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the volume of material disposed of at the landfills has been increasing annually, and

WHEREAS, sanitary landfill space is at a premium and it is becoming increasingly difficult to site new landfills, and

WHEREAS, much of the material that enters the waste stream can be recycled, reused or incorporated in the manufacture of new products, and

WHEREAS, City participation in and promotion of recycling programs can significantly reduce the volume of material entering the waste stream thereby extending landfill life expectancy and reducing expenses, and

WHEREAS, for recycling programs to be effective, markets must be developed for products that incorporate postconsumer materials in their manufacture, are reusable, or are designed to be recycled, and

WHEREAS, California State Law requires that local agencies buy recycled products if fitness, quality and price are equal to non-recycled products and allows local agencies to adopt purchasing preferences for recycled products.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Antioch as follows:

1. Within twelve months subsequent to the effective date of this section, the Purchasing Agent for the City must conduct a review of existing product and service specifications to determine whether existing specifications either require the use of products manufactured from virgin materials or exclude the use of recycled products, reusable products, or products designed to be recycled.

2. In the event that such specifications do exclude the use of recycled products or require the use of virgin materials, then such exclusions or requirements must be eliminated unless the pertinent department or entity can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Purchasing Agent that these recycled products would not achieve a necessary performance standard.

3. Within the same 12 month period, all City departments and agencies must recommend changes to the Purchasing Agent to ensure that performance standards for particular products can be met and that specifications are not overly stringent, and to recommend changes to ensure that specifications will incorporate a requirement for the use of recycled materials, reusable products, and products designed to be recycled to the maximum extent practicable, subject to an alternative showing that either the performance of the product will be jeopardized or that product will negatively impact health, safety or operational efficiency.

4. Outside contractors bidding to provide products or services to the City, including printing services, must demonstrate that they will comply with the specifications described in paragraph 3 to the greatest extent feasible.

5. City staff will work to encourage the copier industry to develop high-speed copiers that will accept recycled paper. In addition, recycled paper shall be purchased and used in all copy machines that will accept it.

6. When recycled products are used, reasonable efforts shall be undertaken to label the products to indicate that they contain recycled materials. City departments and agencies shall use for their mast-head stationery and envelopes, recycled paper that includes postconsumer recycled content and indicate on the paper and envelopes that they contain recycled material. Other recycled products used by the City shall also indicate that they contain recycled material to the extent practicable.

7. A (10% or greater) price preference may be given to recycled products, reusable products offered as alternatives to disposable products, and products designed to be recycled where they are offered as alternatives to non-recyclable products. The preference percentage shall be based on the lowest bid or price quoted by the supplier or suppliers offering non-recycled products.

8. The City will cooperate to the greatest extent feasible with neighboring city and county governments in an effort to develop a comprehensive, consistent and effective procurement effort intended to stimulate the market for recycled products, reusable products, and products designed to be recycled.

9. All related city departments and agencies shall work cooperatively to further the purposes of the Resolution. The city economic development process shall incorporate the goal of stimulating the market for recycled material.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of January, 1990, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Price, Freitas, Stone, Rocha and Mayor Keller.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Louise R. Randall

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH

